

QUESTIONS

Day 1: Review

1. What is something that was especially meaningful to you from your study of 1 Corinthians 7, the scripture, or the commentary notes?

2. How did the lecture impact you?

Day 2: Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3, Proverbs 1:7, Hosea 4:6, 2 Peter 1:5-8 [\[Open NIV\]](#)
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3. What do you learn about knowledge in verses 1-3?

4. What do you think it means: “knowledge puffs up, but love builds up?”

5. **Personal Question:** When have you ever been “puffed up” with knowledge? What happened?

6. What do you learn about knowledge from the following cross references?

Proverbs 1:7 –

Hosea 4:6 –

2 Peter 1:5-8 –

7. **Thought Question:** Explain how the knowledge that provides information is different from knowledge that produces transformation.

Day 3: Read 1 Corinthians 8:4-6, Daniel 3:18, 1 John 5:21, Romans 1:25 [\[Open NIV\]](#)
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8. What do you learn about idols from verses 4-6?

9. What do you learn about idols from the following cross references?

Daniel 3:18 –

1 John 5:21 –

Romans 1:25 –

10. **Thought Question:** Make a list of 21st Century “idols”? (Note: An idol is anything or anyone that takes priority over God in your life.)
11. **Personal Question:** From the list you made in question 10, which item/items tempt you most to make it an idol in your life? What will you do to prevent it from becoming an idol?

Day 4: Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-8, 1 Timothy 4:4, Colossians 3:23 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

Note: Idol worship was rampant in Corinth, thus food sacrificed to idols often found its way back into the market place. Many Christians ended up eating food from the market that had previously been sacrificed to an idol. Converted Jews were greatly troubled by this practice because of their long history of eating “clean” food. Converted Gentiles, however, saw no problem with eating this meat, since they did not offer it to idols themselves.

12. Reread verses 4-6 and add verses 7-8. Summarize Paul's conclusion to this dilemma of Christians eating food that had previously been sacrificed to idols by pagans.

13. How does 1 Timothy 4:4 apply to this dilemma of eating meat sacrificed to idols?

14. **Personal Question:** How might you apply verse 8 to your own life? (See Colossians 3:23 to help with your answer.)

Day 5: Read 1 Corinthians 8:9-13, Romans 14:1-3, 6, 13-15, 17, 20-23, Psalm 133:1

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Note: Even though Paul concludes that eating meat sacrificed to an idol by someone else is not a sinful act in itself, he does offer a warning to the primarily Gentile believers in the Corinthian Church.

15. **Thought Question:** Explain what you think is meant by the phrase “a stumbling block?”

16. Summarize Paul's exhortation in vs 9-13.

17. Read Romans 14:1-3, 6, 13-15, 17, 20-23. Write down principles from these verses that help clarify the issue of eating meat sacrificed to idols.

18. **Personal Question:** What is something that you currently have liberty to do, that possibly could be a stumbling block to another Christian? Would you be willing to change for the sake of a brother/sister in Christ?

19. How does Psalm 133:1 pertain to the eating of meat issue?

Day 6: Reread 1 Corinthians 8 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

20. What did you learn that was new or challenging from chapter 8?

21. What was your main take away from studying chapter 8?

22. How could you apply the take away you recorded in question 21?